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## BOOK REVIEW

# Book on CIA Lacks Promised Accuracy

**CIA: THE INSIDE  
STORY**, by Andrew  
Tully, 276 pp. New  
York: Morrow. \$4.50.

Neither the reading nor the  
taxpaying public can ever be  
sure about the facts of the  
Central Intelligence Agency or  
of its activities. By its nature,  
the current  
haven for the  
cloak and dag-  
ger boys and  
their newer as-  
sistants, the  
scientific an-  
alysts and the  
mind machines,  
is dedicated to  
secrecy.



This new book  
by Andrew Tul-  
ly, a reporter, while purpor-  
ing to be factual, does not add  
materially to any certainty  
about what goes with the huge  
governmental arm.

Tully gets off with a fore-  
word expressing his "consid-  
erable debt of gratitude" to  
everyone from Former CIA Di-  
rector Allen Dulles to White  
House Press Secretary Pierre  
Salinger. This presents im-  
mediately the implication that  
Tully has the latest in official  
facts about the CIA, just in  
case the reader hasn't already  
been sold by the positive jacket  
statements.

OFFICIAL reaction to the  
book, however, has indicated  
that if Tully owes anyone any  
debt of gratitude, it is for the  
aforesaid officials' standing  
still while he built up a size-  
able and readable collection of  
published or public informa-  
tion formed some wholly un-  
supported conclusions of his  
own, and rewrote the whole  
into a far from gratifying  
book.

At least, his book doesn't  
prattly either the CIA, or the  
reader with the promised un-  
deniable accuracy.

intensely for his opinion on  
Tully's work, labeled it with-  
out hesitation as "the greatest  
collection of junk ever put be-  
tween book covers."

TULLY RECOGNIZES the  
shortcomings. He does con-  
siderable qualifying, but the  
qualifications are handled ap-  
proximately in the manner of a ve-  
teran reporter not overloaded  
with concern for all the facts.  
He seldom allows the reader to  
interfere with the initial im-  
pression of solid, trustworthy facts.

Tully's book is not the last  
word on the trials and tribula-  
tions of the CIA. The truth  
probably will never be known,  
not even if Allen Dulles should  
break his classic way tradition  
and write his memoirs.

JIM MARTIN

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